

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: December 31, 2003

Project ID **0092-03-06**

Project Title **Highway 29 Impact (from Abbotsford to Green Bay)**

Approved Starting Date (Contract Date): 10/01/2002

Estimated Completion Date: 10/01/2003

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Description: Evaluate the actual and potential economic and land use impacts of recently constructed capacity improvements along this segment of Hwy 29. Funds will be used for purchasing a new economic model, data requirements, surveys, and interviews of communities along hwy 29. Hwy 29 is the first highway nationally to be studied using an economic model to forecast the economic benefits of capacity improvements.

Project Cost: \$50,000

Expenditures for current quarter:

Total Expenditures to date: \$4,451

Percent Complete: 90%

Progress This Quarter: (Includes project committee meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

- Completed community profiles for all cities, towns and villages from Abbotsford to Howard, Wisconsin.
- Worked with FHWA to add another updated section to the first phase of the study -Chippewa Falls to Abbotsford (see www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning for addendum)
- Interviewed property assessors to determine lane value changes from Abbotsford to Howard
- Modified economic forecasting model for the region to correspond to the modeling efforts conducted in 1989 (initial model did not have all of the counties in the analysis area)
- Calibrated about 75% of the data for the economic forecasting of the region
- Drafted final findings and conclusions for the study with the exception of the economic modeling results
- Presented initial findings to TRB Economic Development Committee to verify the research methods used in the study

Work Next Quarter: (Includes project committee meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

- Complete and test the economic forecasting modeling results of the highway corridor
- Complete GIS maps for Howard, Towns of Ringle, Oneida, Maple Grove and Washington
- Review economic modeling results with the technical advisory committee
- Draft final conclusions for the modeling results

Circumstances Affect progress/Budget:

Economic model was recalibrated. No additional costs were incurred with the private vendor.

Please insert or attach Gantt Chart

(Chart will be submitted in separate attachment)

